

Town of North Smithfield
Historic District Commission

Minutes of July 27, 2015

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on
Monday, July 27, 2015
at 6:30 PM
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

Call to order: 6:38

Members Present: Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes , Jeffrey Harris,
Elizabeth Martin, Keith Nadeau

Members Absent: Jeffrey Fontaine, Eric Piette

Materials Distributed: Agenda

Approval of Minutes from May 18, 2015 and June 22 , 2015

Minutes from May 18, 2015 and June 22, 2015 meetings were unanimously approved.

Applications

A. No applications filed.

Old Business

- A.. Review/Update: Grant opportunities for the Forestdale Schoolhouse master plan (re: joint venture with the North Smithfield Heritage Association).
 - 1. Continuing. NS Heritage Association does not meet in the summer months.
- B. On Hold.: Historic District Informational Meeting with the Slatersville Congregational Church.
 - 1. Meeting will coincide with proposed meeting advocating expansion of the Slatersville Historic District. Meeting date yet to be determined.
- C. Review/Update: NSHDC Standards & Guidelines Brochure (RIHPHC CLG Grant status).
 - 1. On July 15th the proposed draft went to RIHPHD for review. Awaiting mock up.
 - 2. Final guide due September 18, 2015 for final review and approval.
 - 3. On September 30th quarterly progress report due.
 - 4. Printing bids due on October 15, 2015 (three quotes must be presented).
 - 5. Guide must be mailed to residents by November 19, 2015.
 - 6. Final report due on December 30, 2015.
- D. Review/Update: Expansion of Slatersville Historic District re: National Park Service and the inclusion of Slatersville in the new Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Park.
 - 1. Jeff Harris sent proposal discussed by NSHDC members in June 2015 NSHDC meeting to Bob Ericson, North Smithfield Town Planner.

- E. Review/Update: Status of Forestdale Mill (Stamina Mill) superfund site Re-use study, School Street, Forestdale, National Historic District.
1. Clean up of Brownfield is ongoing. Previous property owner is paying for clean up. Town currently owns property.
 2. EPA in its review of property conditions is funding a study by Skeo Solutions(Matt Robbie) to examine potential future uses of property.
 3. Jeff Harris has walked the site with EPA and says it is quite beautiful.
 4. Christian de Rezendes has rare photos of Stamina Mills and will share them with Skeo Solutions.

New Business

- A. Notice: Grow Smart RI Workshop: Writing Sound Decisions, Monday, August 17, 2015, 5:30-9:00pm, police Station Community Room, 123 Valley Road, Middletown, RI (online registration).
- B. Current events related to N.S. Heritage Association.

Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee
Research
1. Continuing.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
1. Continuing.
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
1. Continuing. See above, under Old Business Caption D.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was called to a close at 8:00

Motion: Elizabeth Martin

Seconded: Dan Couture

All in favor All

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2015